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TAGS: SNAR, MX  
SUBJECT: NEWLY DISCOVERED POPPY FIELDS

1. ON 5/18/77 AND 5/19/77 MFJP AGENTS STATIONED AT HERMOSILLO, SONORA, MEXICO RAIDED REPORTED POPPY FIELDS NEAR THE CHIHUAHUA BORDER EAST OF NACORI CHICO. APPROXIMATELY FOUR HECTARES (10 ACRES) OF POPPIES WERE DESTROYED.
2. THE POPPIES WERE BETWEEN 3 AND 4 FEET TALL AND HAD AN AVERAGE OF 6 TO 8 BULBS PER PLANT. THEY SHOWED INDICATIONS OF ONE PREVIOUS SCORING.
3. MFJP SPOTTER PLANE HAS LOCATED OTHER FIELDS IN THE SAME AREA AND COMANDANTE HAS REQUESTED HELICOPTER TO USE AGAINST THESE FIELDS.
4. THIS IS THE FIRST REPORTED INSTANCE OF POPPY FIELDS IN THIS AREA, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SIERRA MADRE AND ABOUT 100 MILES SOUTH OF THE U.S. BORDER.

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5. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO SEPARATE REPORTS OF A LABORATORY OPERATION IN THE VILLAGE OF MADERA, ABOUT 50 MILES SOUTHEAST OF NACORI CHICO.
6. THIS DISCOVERY POINTS AGAIN TO THE NEED FOR A WIDE AREA COVERAGE SENSING SYSTEM TO COVER OTHER THAN TRADI-

TIONAL GROWING AREAS WHERE ALTITUDE AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS ARE CONDUCTIVE TO POPPY CULTIVATION.

7. WE WILL PURSUE AND ADVISE. THOMPSON

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